

30 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: USIA Survey

1. The attached draft letter from the acting Director of USIA to the DCI was received by the undersigned this morning. [redacted] and I agreed on the changes indicated on the draft and that Mr. Washburn should sign the draft as indicated rather than wait the return of Mr. Streibert on August the 9th. I telephoned the changes and comment on signature to Henry Loomis who expects the letter to be signed today.

2. While on the phone, Henry Loomis pointed out his position and the position of Fisher Howe on the question of when CPI personnel should leave the R Area for USIA. According to Henry, Fish would like to retain CPI people until the R Area is in a position to replace them with the staff recommended by the survey. Fish also fears that USIA will lay additional requirements on R which R would not be able to meet without the assistance of the present CPI staff. Henry's position is that the people whose salaries USIA is paying should be transferred to USIA as soon as possible. Henry indicated that he was willing to compromise by taking 50% of the CPI staff and withdrawing all of USIA support--leaving State/R the remaining 50% of the staff and the responsibility for their support.

3. Henry also raised the question of duplicating or micro-filming certain State Department files for use by USIA research staff.

4. With respect to the above points, I suggested to Henry the following:

a. The question of what personnel stay in State or go to USIA should be settled by bonafide offers by State and USIA to each individual. Some will wish to remain in State and some will prefer the USIA positions. (With regard to which agency has preference Henry mentioned that he would not compete for those personnel ^{who} he wished to remain in R).

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b. With regard to timing, those employees who accept positions in USIA should transfer to that agency as soon as space is available.

c. On the matter of the pending reexamination of NSCID 3 responsibilities I advised Henry his role would be one of an interested on-looker. The resolution of this problem is meaningful to USIA only as it affects the source of their support--not in the substance of that support.

d. On the question of duplicating or microfilming files, I suggested to Henry that he go slow on this and wait until his researchers are on board and begin research as then and then only will he know with precision what documents they will need. From that point on they will build their own files based on current take, use of library facilities, etc.

6. I discussed the suggestions I had made to Henry with [REDACTED] who concurred in them.

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